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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/658,273
Applicants: Junichi MINATO
Filing Date: September 10, 2003
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, SHARED DATA
MANAGEMENT METHOD AND SHARED DATA
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
Group Art Unit: 2173
Examiner:

SIR:

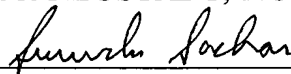
Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
LETTER SUBMITTING REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEETS
REPLACEMENT DRAWING 5 SHEETS**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.